

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

WHO ANNOUNCES: The University of Houston Police Department (UHPD) announces that the campus community should shelter in place and this is relayed by campus administrators by all available means. In particular, text and email messages are also sent to the student listserv via the Pier emergency communication system.

WHEN: Sheltering in Place is announced when it is dangerous to leave your building or residence hall such as when there is a severe storm or hurricane accompanied by flood water and lost electrical power. Food service may be unavailable or it is dangerous to travel to buildings where it is available. Elevators may be inoperable.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SHELTERING IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL ROOM

Flashlight or lamp – preferably one that does not require batteries or flammable fuel; we suggest portable flashlight with a crank. In the alternative have fresh batteries.

- Radio – with fresh batteries or operable by crank.

Water (approximately 1 gal per day for 3 days)

Food for at least 3 days

Non-perishable items that do not require heating

Package in plastic or in cans that do not need an electric can opener

Examples: crackers, peanut butter, Vienna sausage, tuna, fruit cups

Utensils (plastic) and paper plates

Can Opener (non electric)

Hand Sanitizer/

Wipes

Plastic trash bag

3 -4 zip lock bags(3 trash - tall kitchen size, 3 or 4 zip loc

Cell Phone (fully charged)

Toilet Paper

Medicine (prescription and over the counter)

Keys

Optional Items

First Aid Kit

Fan (battery powered or hand fan)

Insect Repellent

EVACUATION

WHO ANNOUNCES: Through the PIER System the UHPD announces that the campus leadership has ordered the campus community to evacuate. Messages will be received by those who have updated their email address in the UH PASS system on-line. Administrators will relay this message through means as well.

WHEN: Nearby chemical spills may require the campus to evacuate. More likely, hurricanes, if strong enough, may require evacuation as well. Hurricanes are categorized on the following scale (Saffir/Simpson Hurricane Scale):

Tropical Storm	39-72mph
Category 1	74-95 mph
Category 2	96-110 mph
Category 3	111-130 mph
Category 4	131-155 mph
Category 5	155 + mph

Government officials typically meet to decide when and from what area evacuation is necessary. This is why it is so important to listen to your radio or television when a major storm. Watch your computer and cell phone for text messages for University directives or call the UH Emergency center at

EVACUATION DESTINATION – Identify a destination ahead of time where you could go if you are told to evacuate. Choose several options: home, a friend's home in another town, a motel or a shelter. **BE SURE** the destination is away from the danger. The university has reserved a few buses to evacuate those without transportation who cannot ride with friends away from the danger.

EVACUTION BACKPACK – ALL STUDENTS should prepare and maintain an evacuation backpack in case they are advised to evacuate the campus or move to another building on campus.

SUPPLIES FOR EVACUATION BACKPACK

FLASHLIGHT and RADIO (preferably with a crank; otherwise have fresh BATTERIES)

2 16 oz bottles of WATER/other liquids

Medicine (prescription, vitamins, etc.)

Cell Phone & charger (automobile charger if driving and regular charger)

Non-perishable FOOD in boxes, pouches or small cans with pop tops)

Utensils (preferably plastic)

Toilet Paper

2-3 Plastic Trash Bags/Zip Lock Bags

Hand Sanitizer

Wipes

TOILETRIES (tooth paste, tooth brush, deodorant comb, tampons, etc.)

Light Weight Poncho

- - Identification (driver's license, passport)

Important papers (medical card, property insurance, etc.)

Telephone numbers such as: UH Emergency # 713/743-2255

Directions to a predetermined destination away from the danger;

Map or maps, in case the preferred route is closed or clogged

Optional Items

First Aid Kit

Fan (battery powered or hand fan)

Whistle

Insect repellent

Magazine or book to read

Bed Roll (blanket, pillow and change of clothes (goes in bus storage underneath)

EMERGENCY EVACUATION BACKPACK SUPPLIES



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